



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of No Texting While Driving Day in Hawai'i

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i holds the health and safety of its citizens as a paramount concern; and that central to our obligation is working to promote safe conditions and behavior on our roads and highways; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i acknowledges that wireless phone use has become common throughout our State, and the use of text messaging has grown exponentially in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i recognizes that any time a driver attempts to send an electronic text message, his or her attention is diverted from the road; and that a recent Virginia Tech study showed that sending electronic text messages while driving make an accident 23 times more likely; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i reminds the people of Hawai'i that it is illegal to send electronic text messages while driving in the State; and that a driver who attempts to send electronic text messages is not just a hazard to themselves, but to passengers, pedestrians and other drivers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 19, 2012, as

“NO TEXTING WHILE DRIVING DAY IN HAWAII”

and encourage the people of the Aloha State to practice safe driving habits including **No Texting While Driving.**

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eighteenth day of September, 2012.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i